

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

LAMONT HEARD,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 21-10237

v.

Honorable Nancy G. Edmunds

YARNICE STRANGE,  
JEFFREY OOSTERHOF,  
ADAM DOUGLAS, and  
CHRISTIAN ALCORN,

Defendants.

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**ORDER ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S  
MARCH 22, 2022 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION [33]**

This is a pro se prisoner civil rights lawsuit filed under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by Plaintiff Lamont Heard bringing First Amendment retaliation claims against Defendants. (ECF No. 11.) The case has been referred to Magistrate Judge Patricia T. Morris for all pre-trial matters. (ECF No. 15.) Before the Court is the Magistrate Judge's March 22, 2022 report and recommendation to deny Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment. (ECF No. 33.) No party has filed objections to the report and recommendation. "[T]he failure to object to the magistrate judge's report[] releases the Court from its duty to independently review the matter." *See Hall v. Rawal*, No. 09-10933, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 120541, at \*2 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 24, 2012) (citing *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985)). Nonetheless, the Court agrees with the Magistrate Judge's recommendation. The Court, therefore, ACCEPTS AND ADOPTS the report and recommendation (ECF No. 33). Accordingly, Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment (ECF No. 23) is DENIED.

SO ORDERED.

s/Nancy G. Edmunds  
Nancy G. Edmunds  
United States District Judge

Dated: April 19, 2022

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon counsel of record on April 19, 2022, by electronic and/or ordinary mail.

s/Lisa Bartlett  
Case Manager